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Willis Strengthens Energy Business in Canada and Operations in Calgary with the Appointment of Cees van der Slikke

New York, NY, December 10, 2007 – Willis Group Holdings (NYSE: WSH), the global insurance broker, has appointed Cees van der Slikke to Executive Vice President of the Company's Energy Business in Canada, as well as Managing Partner of the Calgary office. Van der Slikke will be responsible for the continued development of Willis' Energy business in Canada in addition to leading its office in Calgary. This appointment and strategic directive is another example of the Willis' commitment to invest, build and support its operations in Calgary and nationally throughout Canada.

In this capacity, he will be working closely with Willis' Global Energy senior management team to continue the Company's track record of profitable growth and client retention. In addition he will work with the leadership of Willis Canada to insure the Calgary office provides all the resources of Willis Canada to clients and prospects.

Rick Hynes, President and CEO of Willis Canada, commented, "Since joining Willis, Cees has made major contributions to the development of our business in Canada. His industry track record, combined with his extensive expertise in this area, equips him well for taking responsibility for our operations in Calgary and our Energy Business in Canada."

"Cees' appointment demonstrates Willis' focus on growing our Energy business in Canada as part of our very successful global energy operation," said **Phil Ellis**, Business Leader and Chairman of Global Energy at Willis. "Cees' international background and the increasing importance of Canada in the global energy picture help to make this an excellent match."

Van der Slikke joined Willis in April of 2006 from Aon where he most recently was National Business Leader of Energy based in Calgary. In that capacity he was responsible for the development and execution of Aon's growth strategy for their Energy, Oil and Gas businesses. Van der Slikke began his career as Risk Manager at Unilever, and later at Shell. Before moving to Calgary in 2002, he was also responsible for Aon Rotterdam's Marine, Construction & Energy book where he managed a team of 95 associates across Holland and oversaw significant growth of these businesses. His title at Willis prior to this appointment was Senior Vice President, Willis Canada, Inc.

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